



2011 ART & ESSAY CONTEST RULES

THEME: *If I could speak with George Washington Carver, I would tell him...*

TEACHERS: The following is required in your packet of entries:

1. **TYPED** and **NUMBERED** list for *each* student submitting artwork (please do not list students who are not participating). This list is vital during judging.
2. **TYPED** and **NUMBERED** list for *each* student submitting an essay (please do not list students who are not participating). This list is vital during judging.
3. Return mailing label with the school's name and address clearly printed or typed
4. Daytime telephone number and email address for each participating classroom teacher *and* for each participating art teacher

ART REQUIREMENTS

1. Any fourth grade student may enter.
2. Students may enter both categories of the contest: art category and essay category.
3. A label with the following information must be affixed to the lower, right corner of the *back* of each entry, out of the view of judges:
 - student name
 - school name and building, if appropriate
 - teachers – art teacher and classroom teacher, if appropriate
4. **Flat media (drawings, paintings, etc.) may not exceed 24 inches on each side.**
5. Freestanding artwork may not exceed 24 inches in height, width, or depth. Three-dimensional artwork needs to be securely mounted to a firm, flat support. **George Washington Carver National Monument and Missouri Southern State University are not responsible for damage of artwork during shipping.** Loose items or those that are not fastened securely may be subject to loss or damage.
6. Please contact George Washington National Monument if your students plan to create art entries that may need special handling. For example, if an entire class makes mobiles, arrangements will be made for display purposes.

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

1. Any fourth grade student may enter.
2. Students may enter both categories of the contest: art category and essay category.
3. A label with the following information must be affixed to the lower, right corner of the **back** of each entry, out of the view of judges:
 - student name
 - school name and building, if appropriate
 - teacher
4. Essays, handwritten or typed, should be no more than 500 words in length. Longer essays will not be judged.
5. Format: 8 1/2 inch by 11-inch paper. Do not submit folders or binders. The park staff will display essay entries in 3-ring binders.

Evaluations conducted by judges are final. Contest entries will be judged by the following criteria:

ART REQUIREMENTS

1. Creativity
2. Originality
3. Technical ability
4. Expression of the theme

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

1. Presentation
2. Mechanical correctness
3. Sentence fluency
4. Word choice
5. Voice
6. Organization
7. Idea development

The deadline for all entries is February 4, 2011, and entries will be accepted any time before the deadline. If mailed they must be postmarked by February 4, 2011. Deliver entries to the monument or mail to:

**George Washington Carver National Monument
5646 Carver Road
Diamond, MO 64840**

Everyone who participates is a winner!

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- ❖ participant certificates
 - ❖ first, second and third place trophies for both categories
 - ❖ honorable mention per classroom for both categories
 - ❖ \$50 savings bond awarded to first place winner of each category
 - ❖ one most creative classroom award in each category (teachers receive a Carver biography and poster!)
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THE SHOW: All artwork will be on display for the public at George Washington Carver National Monument beginning February 21st. Essays will be placed on display after judging, March 3rd. Please invite families to visit the display!

AWARDS CEREMONY: **Saturday, March 12th, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.** at George Washington Carver National Monument...all participating students, art teachers, classroom teachers, school staff, principals, and parents are encouraged to attend this special ceremony. Please plan to collect your artwork following the awards ceremony. Further information may be obtained by calling George Washington Carver National Monument at 417-325-4151, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
